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to Collier's Weekly

RIGHT TO REGULATE RATES.

In the present discussion of railroad rate problems, says The Atlanta
Constitution, it is well to keep in view
one essential fact. A railroad is a
public service corporation. it owes
a duty to the public as well as to
its stockholders. As a public utility
corporation, it is subject to regulation by the State or by a duly authorized commission having authority
from the State.

The right to prescribe reasonable rates is clearly set forth in the following extract from a decision by the United States supreme court in a case appealed from Nebraska:

The public cannot properly be subjected to unreasonable rates in order simply that stockholders may earn dividends. The Legislature has the authority in every case where its power has not been restrained by contract to proceed upon the ground that the public may not be rightfully required to submit to unreasonable exactions for the use of a public highway established and maintained under legislative authority. If a corporation cannot maintain such a highway and earn dividends for stockholders, it is a misfortune for it and them. which the constitution does not require to be remedied by imposing unjust burdens on the public.

So where a railroad has so largely bonded its road bed and franchises as to exceed its fair value, and where its capitalifation is largely fictitious, it may not impose upon the public the burden of such increased rates as may be required for the purpose of realising profits upon such excessive valuation or fictitious expitalisation. For no road is entitled to realise a given per cent upon its capital stock or property, without reference to the interest of the public.

The burden of proof is on the railroads to show that a rate is unreasonable and, therefore, confiscatory. If unreasonable a should and will be

A fair test will prove the fact.

THE FARMERS IMPORTANCE.

The farmers are a very important element in the population, says The Southern Farm Magazine of Baltimere for September. This is demonstrated by the fact that 10,381,765 persons engaged in agricultural pursuits in 1900 were the dependence for icad of the total population of 76,363,367 persons. But if the other 66,600,000 people had not been there, where would the 10,000,000 farmers be? If there had not been 7,000,000 persons engaged in manufacturing and machinical pursuits, 4,767,000 in trade and transportation, 5,581,000 in domestic and personal service, and their families, the 10,000,000 farmers would have been accupied largely in the unpredicable pursuit of trying to lift themselves by their own galluses. Farmers are in a position to be the most independent human beings on the face of God's green earth. They are very important in human economy. But their importance rests upon the importance of other elements in the population. For instance, their position is strengthened very much by an increase in the manufacturing interests of the counter.

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Men talk of the logic of events—here is the logic of events. Men talk of the nemesis—here is the nemesis in history. Everything which falls in with the Supreme plan is forwarded and leads on to noble and vaster issues; everything which stands against that plan goes into silent decay under its awful impact. This is the nemesis of history—the logic of events.

It is not overwork—that is, in the aggregate—that kills. It is too much work done in too little time that causes the multiplied breakdowns in these fast days. Work pure and simple, however hard or constant, rarely impairs the health if only the ordinary laws of nature are observed. Mental and bodily toil, when brought within reasonable limits, tend to prolong rather than shorten life. Overwork does far less injury than underwork—"that rare and obscure calamity from which nobody is supposed to suffer."

Hon. J. J. Jahnson, aged 69 years, died at his home in Williston on August 30. Deceased was for many years a leading citizen of LaFayette county and represented the district composed of the counties of LaFayette and Taylor in the State Senate for one term. He was a good man and his death is greatly regretted.

The inter-State meeting of the Cotton Growers' Association will be held at White Springs on September 12th. A barbecue will be given free, music by the First Regiment Band of Jacksonville, speeches by the best orators of the South, and a big day generally is the program.

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